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1. [] vessel was in the port of Mezen from 21 to 31 July 1954. While passing Kamenka (N 65-56, E 44-05) [] a manned patrol boat which was 30 to 40 feet long and seven feet wide. Its stern was built like a racing boat. There was a machine gun mounted on the foredeck and a green flag with a white mark was mounted on the stern. [] The boat was evidently given the task of guarding vessels as they took on cargo in the port. On one occasion a paint bucket was thrown overboard from one of the ships which was loading. This was sufficient to cause the patrol craft to go alongside and investigate.
2. A combination cargo and passenger ship operates between Arkhangelsk and Mezen. This vessel remained in Mezen two days [] The passengers on board were primarily women and children as well as a number of naval seamen who were presumed to be on leave.
3. A number of slow-moving, twin-engine aircraft were observed landing in the vicinity of Mezen. They were believed to be passenger and transport aircraft.
4. Along the Murmansk coast a number of trawlers were observed. [] no indications that they were armed.

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